

Patent Claims:

1. Control device (1), in particular in a motor vehicle (2), comprising an interface (8) for activating and/or extending and/or modifying software modules or components of a software module by way of an external device (3), which modules are stored within a memory of the control device,  
c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the communication carried out by way of the interface takes place in a wireless manner by means of a telemetric device (4 ... 7).
2. Control device as claimed in claim 1,  
c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the transport of data during the telemetric transmission is protected by a safety device.
3. Control device as claimed in claim 1 or 2,  
c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that a bus or a network (9) is used to connect additional hardware resources (10) to the control device in a telemetrically controlled manner.
4. External device (3) for the communication with a control device for activating and/or extending and/or modifying software modules or components of a software module,  
c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the external device is a production and/or service device and/or an application data base which is connected to a

transmitting and receiving unit (5) by way of an interface (11), or comprises a transmitting and receiving unit.

5. Arrangement comprising a motor vehicle with a control device as claimed in claim 1, and an external device, in particular an external device according to claim 3, characterized in that the vehicle includes a transmitting and receiving unit (4) which is connected by way of a bus or a network (9) in the vehicle (2), and in particular the transmitting and receiving unit (4) is connected to the bus or a network (9) by way of an interface.
6. Method for activating and/or extending and/or modifying software modules or components of a software module by means of a telemetric device as claimed in claim 5.
7. Method as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that the activation and/or extension and/or modification can be performed exclusively by connecting an accessory unit (e.g. CD-ROM drive, diagnosis test appliance) in the range of the vehicle and/or in the range of the external device (2).